

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Itzhak Bentwich
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Examiner: SHIN, DANA H
Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE
GROUP OF NOVEL VACCINIA
REGULATORY GENES AND USES
THEREOF

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

In reply to the final office action mailed May 30, 2007 (the "Office Action" hereafter) and advisory actions mailed August 14, 2007 and September 13, 2007 (the "Advisory Actions" hereafter), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith are a Petition for a one-month extension of time and Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and the requisite fees of \$120.00 and \$810.00 under § 1.17, which extend the time to reply to October 1, 2007, and provide an opportunity to withdraw the finality of any office action and to enter and consider this submission.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this response; and **Remarks** begin at page 3.